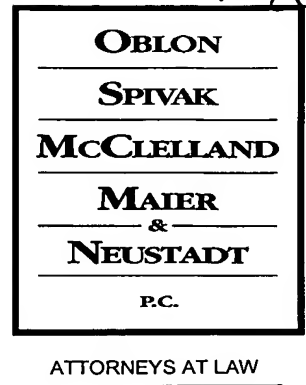




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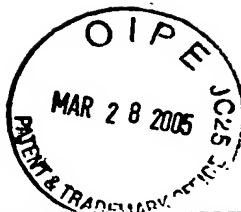
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Responsive to the below indicated communication, the following drawing sheets are submitted herewith:

☒ 2 Replacement Drawing Sheets ☐ _____ New Drawing Sheets

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The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

The attached sheet of drawings includes formal drawings replacing Fig. 1B and Fig. 8C.

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